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**NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37
CFR 1.192(c)**

The brief includes a statement that claims 1-24 do not stand or fall together, but fails to present reasons in support thereof as required under 37 CFR 1.192(c)(5). The brief states the following groups of claims : i) claims 1,2, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22 ; ii) claims 4, 21; iii) claims 5,7, 14; iv) claim 19; v) claims 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 23; and v) claims 10, 17, 24. However, Applicant fails to present reasons to support why the claims of the group are believed to be separately patentable. Merely pointing out differences in what the claims cover is not an argument as to why the claims are separately patentable. See MPEP § 1206.

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c).

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Medina A. Ibrahim whose telephone number is (703) 306-5822. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30AM to 5:00PM.

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